

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA

December 21, 1954

The regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Golden Beach Florida, was held on Tuesday, December 21st, 1954 at 9:30 o'clock in the morning at the Town Hall. Upon roll call the following members were found to be present, constituting a quorum of the Members of the Council.

Mayor	-Mr. Robert H. George
Council President	-Mr. Burt Hengeveld
Councilmen	-Mr. Howard G. McIlvried
	-Mr. Anthony J. Gecking
	-Mr. Charles C. Koch

Also present: Town Attorney	-Mr. Francis M. Miller
Building Inspector	-Mr. William E. Vito

Councilman Edward F. Guenther, being out of Town was not able to be present at this Meeting.

The following Residents attended the Meeting as Visitors:-
Mr. Nelson Salez, Colonel C. B. Sheronas, Colonel S. W. Winfree, Mrs. Grace Coffin, Mrs. Gertrude K. Boutiette and Mr. Bennett R. Paulsen.

The Meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Burt Hengeveld who acted as Chairman of the Meeting and Mrs. Laurita Chapman acted as Secretary.

The President, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, called upon the Secretary for the reading of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Council held on November 16th, 1954. These Minutes were read by the Secretary and upon the reading of these Minutes, when no corrections or objections were offered, were ordered approved by the President, Mr. Burt Hengeveld.

The Secretary presented the cash report for the Month of November, 1954. The cash report, upon motion by Councilman Charles C. Koch, seconded by Councilman Howard G. McIlvried, was approved and ordered attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

The Council President, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, stated that he would like to bring up for discussion, the matter of defective seawalls installed by Mr. R. D. Stephens for certain property owners in the Town Of Golden Beach and cited on the various attempts made by the City Manager, Building Inspector and himself in an endeavor to get Mr. Stephens to repair these walls and that since no action had been taken by Mr. Stephens, the Town Attorney, Mr. Francis M. Miller, had been requested to write a letter to Mr. Stephens, which the Secretary read, stating that unless immediate steps be taken to remedy this situation within ten days from the date of this letter, which date being December 10th, 1954, the Town of Golden Beach and the property owners involved, would take legal action. The Council President, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, stated that to date no action had been taken by Mr. Stephens

and he would like to know what further steps could be taken to force Mr. Stephens to repair these walls. The Mayor, Mr. Robert H. George, stated that even though the Town Attorney, Mr. Francis M. Miller, stated otherwise, it was his opinion that the Town could be held responsible for this defect; that the Town was morally obligated to see that these walls were repaired. A general discussion followed as to the costs of these repairs and the means in which this work could be done and upon the advice of the Town Attorney, Mr. Francis M. Miller, it was decided that before any action is taken by the Town, the Owners of the lots involved should be advised to contact the Town Attorney, Mr. Francis M. Miller, to file a complaint against Mr. Stephens which may effect some action in getting these walls repaired.

The Commissioner of Parks and Public Buildings, Councilman Anthony J. Gocking, reported that it was compulsory to have the tress removed from the Parkway on Ocean Boulevard. The State Highway Department had made this requirement and would take care of any digging in connection with this work. Since improvements would be necessary to make this parkway attractive in appearance, approximate costs of this work had been received, namely - \$500.00 for top soil, \$2,300.00 for sod and \$1,200 for cable. The Mayor, Mr. Robert H. George, stated that the cost of an adequate sprinkler system should also be considered and suggested that a tank truck be used for this purpose since it would fulfill the needs of the Town and the operating costs would not exceed that of a sprinkler system installation. The expense involved in connection with this work was then discussed and it was decided that this matter be taken up at the next Meeting of the Town Council when definite costs on this work could be presented for consideration and approval. A Resident, Colonel C. B. Sheronas inquired about the disposal of trees that were removed from the parkway and the Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken, stated that the tress were given to the Residents of the Town, that had requested them.

The Commissioner of Public Streets and Lighting, Councilman Howard G. McIlvried, reported on the progress made in improving the roads and stated that this work had been completed on South Island, North Island and Centre Island and that North Bay Drive should be finished around the 15th of January. He further stated that since these roads had been raised, certain properties in the Town Of Golden Beach, have become flooded during and after a heavy rain and that some consideration should be given to the installation of an adequate drainage system. A Resident, Mrs. Grace M. Coffin, stated that she would like to advise the Council of the condition of her property during and after a heavy rain, that not only does the front get flooded from the raised elevation of the road but due to a defective sea wall which joins her property in the rear, water comes over her back yard and she would like some arrangements made to remedy this condition. Another Resident, Colonel Winfree, stated that he was faced with the same situation in his front yard as Mrs. Coffin and that he too would like some relief from this condition. A general discussion followed with the Audience participating and it was decided that a thorough study be made of this condition in order that arrangements could be made to have a drainage system installed. It was further reported that the filling of all lots should be completed by January 31st.

The Mayor, Mr. Robert H. George, presented to the Members of the Council a letter that he had received from a Resident, Mr. Ben Elkind, which the Secretary read, requesting permission to erect a carport on his property at 48 Terracina Avenue. Since this request was in violation of the Building Ordinances of the Town Of Golden Beach, the Secretary was instructed to advise Mr. Elkind, by mail that such a request could not be granted.

The Town Manager and Chief of Police, Mr. R. H. Kuiken, stated that he had received a bid from All Miami Motors Inc. on the purchase of two new cars for the Police Department. Their price for two new 1955 Fords with trade-in allowances on the present two cars was \$1,035 and he asked the Council's permission to make this purchase. Thereupon a motion was made by Councilman Anthony J. Gocking, seconded by Councilman Charles C. Koch that the purchase of these two cars be made for the Police Department.

The Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken, requested the Council's authorization on the payment of a Christmas Bonus to the employees of the Town Of Golden Beach. Since an appropriation was made in the current budget for this expenditure, a motion was made by Councilman Howard G. McIlvried, seconded by Councilman Anthony J. Gocking, that each employee receive the same amount of Christmas Bonus as last Year.

The Council President, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, stated that since a General Election is to be held in February, 1955, he would like to know if the present registration book was a permanent one. The Town Attorney, Mr. Francis M. Miller, advised the members of the Council that the present registration book was a permanent one. The Residents who had registered to vote in the General Election held in February, 1953 need not register again to be eligible to vote in the next General Election. He further stated that the Registration Books are now open and will remain open ten days prior to the election for those qualified electors to register who have not already done so, and that the petitions from all Candidates must be on file in the Town Hall ten days prior to the election in order to have their names placed on the ballot for this General Election.

The Commissioner of Parks and Public Buildings, Councilman Anthony J. Gocking stated that he would like to inform the Members of the Council that Mr. Fred Stutz of the Dade County Mosquito Control Department is very proud of Golden Beach in its effort to control mosquitoes and that prior to the filling of lots, Golden Beach was at the bottom of the list, but is now at the top of Towns in Dade County infested with this menace. He further stated that he had talked with Mr. McVicker, Commissioner of Dade County, regarding having the County install a white way and curbing on A1A or Ocean Boulevard in Golden Beach and was told that the proper procedure to make this request is the passing of a Resolution by the Council to this effect. The Council President, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, stated that some of the Residents may be opposed to having a white way installed and in order to take action on this matter, the Town Attorney, upon motion by Councilman Anthony J. Gocking, seconded by Councilman Charles C. Koch, was instructed to prepare a Resolution requesting the County to install an electric lighting system and curbing on A1A or Ocean Boulevard in Golden Beach.

There being no further business to come before the Members of the Council at this Meeting upon motion by Councilman Anthony J. Gocking, seconded by Councilman Charles C. Koch, the meeting adjourned.

Laurita Chapman
Deputy Town Clerk

R. H. George
Mayor

December 10, 1954

Mr. R. D. Stephens
#95 N. W. 33rd Street
Miami, Florida.

Dear Sir:

You have heretofore been notified by the Town of Golden Beach of the defective sea-walls you installed on the Matthewson, Burnson, Zink and Kelce property in Golden Beach.

Your failure to repair these walls, after your promise to do so, is resulting in great damage to the above property owners and to the Town of Golden Beach.

You are fully aware of the defects in this construction and unless you take immediate steps, within the next ten (10) days, to remedy this situation, the Town of Golden Beach and the property owners involved will take legal action against you.

Very truly yours,

FRANCIS M. MILLER

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December 27th, 1954

Mr. Ben Elkind
48 Terracina Avenue
Golden Beach, Florida

Dear Mr. Elkind:

Your letter of December 16th, 1954, addressed to Honorable Robert H. George, Mayor, Golden Beach, Florida, requesting the Town Council to grant you permission to erect a canopy on your property at 48 Terracina Avenue, Golden Beach, Florida, was presented to the Members of the Council at the regular Meeting of the Town Council held on Tuesday, December 21st, 1954, and we regret to advise you that a construction of this type is not in compliance with our Building Ordinances which makes it necessary that your request be rejected.

Yours very truly,

TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH

Laurita Chapman
Deputy Town Clerk

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December 16, 1954

Honorable Robert H. George
Mayor
Golden Beach, Florida

Dear Mr. George:

I respectfully request that the Golden Beach council grant me permission to erect the following described awning or canopy in connection with my residence at 48 Terracina Avenue, Golden Beach.

The frame work will be of aluminum or galvanized iron metal, covered with heavy gauge canvas. I propose to attach it to the south wall of the house, extending south a distance of not more than 20 ft. The width from east to west will not extend 10 ft. The southernmost point of the canopy will be 55 ft. north of the lot building line.

I feel confident that if the proper authorities would visit the property, they would find what I propose to do is in no way objectionable, and much more desirable from the standpoint of adjoining property owners than if I should erect a permanent structure of the same size, which I understand I am permitted to do under the existing building code.

Thank you very kindly for presenting this request to the council.

Sincerely yours,

Ben Elkind

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